

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/604,428	AY, CHARLES	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Amy J. Sterling	3632	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Amy J. Sterling. (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Jun Lee. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 29 June 2005.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 9 and 14.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ferenz.

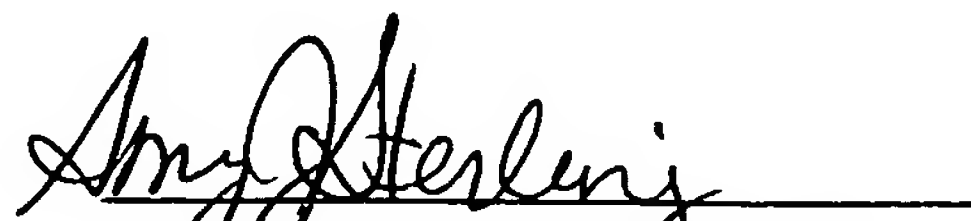
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
 Examiner's signature, if required

## Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

### Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

### Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

### 37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,  
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

### Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Proposed amendments were explained such as that the first floor is substantially planar and sloped with respect to the second floor, and that the interior of the hanging device has a first interior surface extending in a sloped manner from a second surface. The examiner agrees that these limitations distinguish from the prior art of record and pending an updated search, the case will be allowed on the amendments as proposed and adding the terms substantially planar in describing the sloped surfaces. .

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: RECESSED HANGING : A. J. Sterling  
HANGING APPARATUS

**PROPOSED AMENDED CLAIMS**  
**(INFORMAL COMMUNICATION – NOT FOR ENTRY)**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims  
in the subject Patent Application:

PROPOSED Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said support member is  
a penetrating fastener.

5-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus for hanging items comprising:  
a body with a recess defined at least in part by first floor portion  
extending in sloped manner from a second floor portion;

a hanging member with a first end and a second end, said hanging member defining between said first and second ends a first interior surface extending in sloped manner from a second interior surface;

*substantially planar*  
said hanging member rotatably mounted on a rotation axis within said recess;

said hanging member being capable of rotating about said rotation axis between a recessed position and a hanging position;

where at said recessed position said first end and said second end of said hanging member are both located within said recess, with there being a space between said first interior surface of said hanging member ~~end~~ and a said first floor portion of said recess; and

where at said hanging position said second end of said hanging member extends out of said recess, and said first interior surface of said hanging member makes substantially planar ~~end is in~~ contact with said recess first floor portion.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said body also contains a channel for a support member.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said support member is a belt.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said rotation axis is a pin.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising a finger extending from said hanging member.

14. (Currently amended) A portable system for hanging items comprising:

- a support member;
- a body;
- said body containing a channel for receiving said support member;
- said body further containing a recess defined at least in part by first floor portion extending in sloped manner from a second floor portion;
- a hanging member with a first end and a second end, said hanging member defining between said first and second ends a first interior surface extending in sloped manner from a second interior surface;
- said hanging member rotatably mounted on a rotation axis within said recess;
- said hanging member being capable of rotating about said rotation axis between a recessed position and a hanging position;
- where at said recessed position said first end and said second end of said hanging member are both located within said recess, with there being a space

between said first interior surface of said hanging member ~~end~~ and a said first floor portion of said recess; and,

where at said hanging position said second end of said hanging member extends out of said recess, and said first interior surface of said hanging member makes substantially planar ~~end is in~~ contact with said recess first floor portion.

15. (Previously presented) A method of hanging an item from an object using the portable system of claim 14 comprising the steps of; inserting said support member through said channel; securing said body to an object with said support member; pressing on said first end so as to rotate said hanging member about said rotation axis until said first end and said recess floor make contact; and hanging an item on said second end of said hanging member that extends out of said recess.

16. (New) An apparatus for hanging items comprising:

- a body with a recess defined at least in part by a level floor portion and a sloped floor portion extending in angled manner therefrom;
- a hanging member being received in pivotally displaceable manner in said recess of said body for displacement between first and second positions relative thereto, said hanging member defining a level interior surface and a sloped interior surface extending in angled manner therefrom;



said level interior surface of said hanging member substantially  
opposing said level floor portion of said body to be in said first position disposed  
in substantially planar engagement with said level floor portion; and,

said sloped interior surface of said hanging member substantially  
opposing said sloped floor portion of said body to be in said second position  
disposed in substantially planar engagement with said sloped floor portion.

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